

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 7, 8, 9 and 16-19 are currently amended.

Rejection under 35 USC § 112

Applicants amend claims 8, 9 and 17-19 to overcome the rejection and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

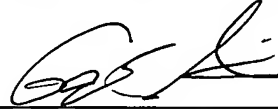
Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1-20 are allowable over prior art references.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is believed that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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